

Please be aware that XM Radio provides an important service that conventional radio broadcasters ceased to provide long ago. XM Radio provides enjoyable and informative music, news, weather, and entertainment that is simply not available from other broadcasting sources.

I hear that at one time, the radio spectrum belonged to the American public. But it's clear that the public no longer has a say in the quality or content of conventional AM and FM broadcasts. It's not only unfortunate that our government let this happen, but outright shameful. After several years of deteriorating radio broadcast quality, I finally gave up on radio and quit listening altogether some years ago. Many of my friends did likewise.

Now, there is a very acceptable alternative and radio is once again enjoyable. And, the new broadcasting alternative has a big added benefit. Given the limited geographical coverage of conventional AM and FM radio broadcasters, a traveler loses touch with their home area once they are out of the "coverage" area. With XM Radio, this is no longer a problem. All of the 100+ channels on XM Radio can be received coast-to-coast and that's pretty impressive use of the radio spectrum.

I understand that the National Association of Broadcasters is attempting to pressure the FCC into limiting the programming that XM Radio can provide. I sincerely hope that the FCC won't let this happen. It would be a shame to have happen to this innovative broadcasting alternative what happened to the "public radio waves".